



# Overview of Research at CHES

Center for Hybrid and Embedded Software Systems

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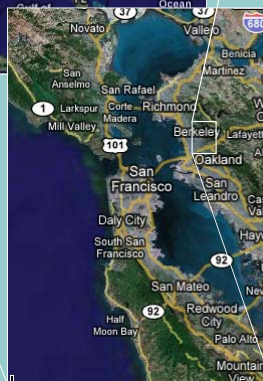
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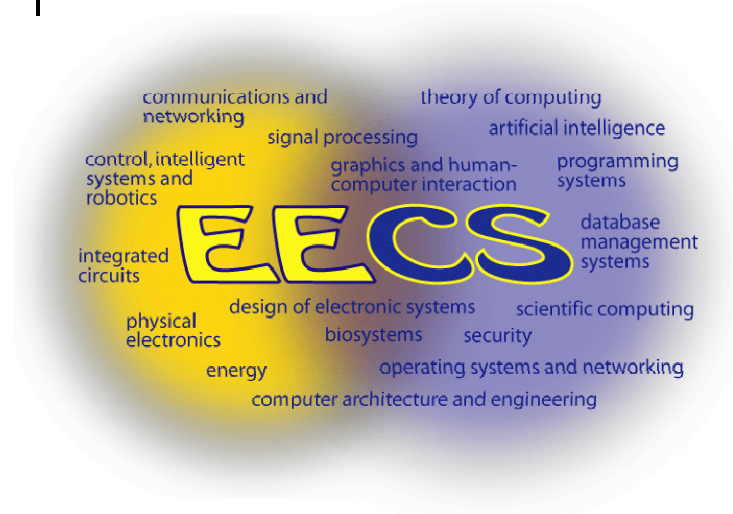


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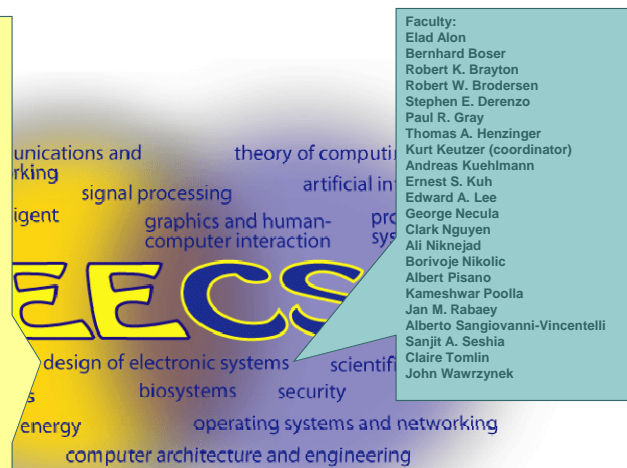


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## Design Sciences Research Area

- **Electronic Design Automation**  
Algorithms and techniques to support computer-aided design and optimization of complex hardware and software systems.
- **Embedded Software Systems**  
Models of computation, specification languages, real-time systems, hardware and software synthesis and compilation for electronic systems.
- **Modeling and Verification**  
Models of hardware and software systems together with analysis techniques that identify design flaws, performance problems, and vulnerabilities.



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# CHESS: Center for Hybrid and Embedded Software Systems

### Principal Investigators

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This center, founded in 2002, blends systems theorists and application domain experts with software technologists and computer scientists.

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*the Berkeley directors of Chess*

### Some Research Projects

- o Precision-timed (PRET) machines
- o Distributed real-time computing
- o Systems of systems
- o Theoretical foundations of CPS
- o Hybrid systems
- o Design technologies
- o Verification
- o Intelligent control
- o Modeling and simulation

### Applications

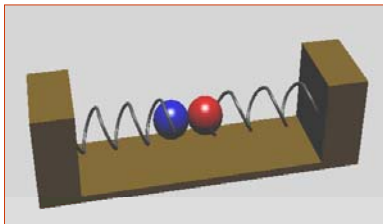
- o Air traffic control
- o Avionics
- o Automotive
- o Building systems
- o Factory automation
- o Instrumentation
- o Medical systems
- o Process control
- o Synthetic biology
- o Test & measurement

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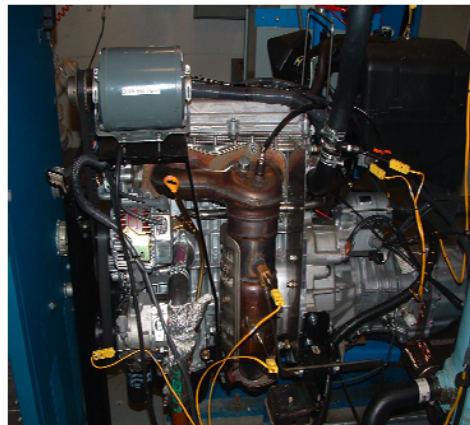
## Hybrid Systems *Where it started*

A model of a spring-mass system with collisions, modeled in Ptolemy II:



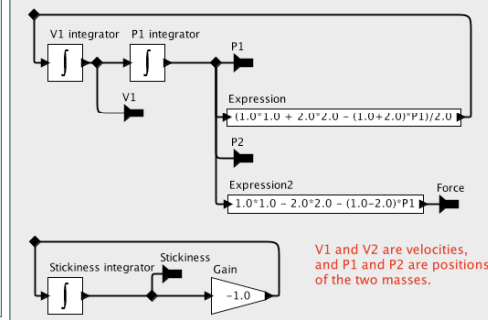
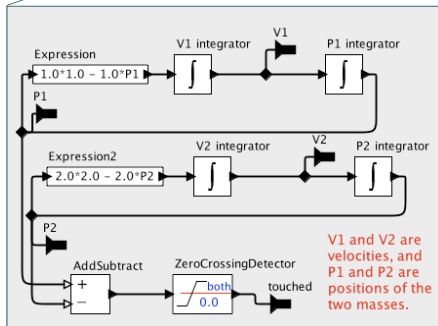
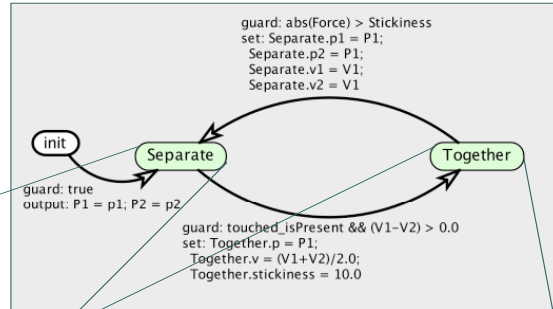
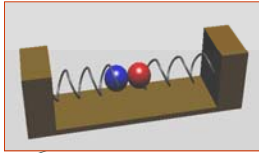
Consider the velocity of each mass. Is it continuous? What about the acceleration?

*Toyota test cell at Berkeley used to experiment with hybrid systems models.*



Hybrid automata =  
state machines +  
differential equations

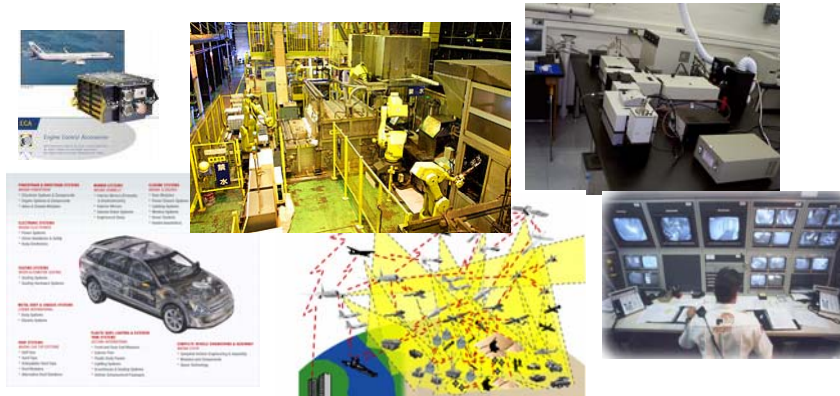
sticky masses



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## Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) Where it is going

CPS: Orchestrating networked computational resources with physical systems.



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# Computers as parts of embedded systems

“~98% of the world’s processors are not in PCs but are embedded”

“a premium car today has:  
 - ~80 computers (ECUs – Electronic Control Units)  
 - ~100 million lines of code  
 - ~2km of wiring (CAN bus, other networks ...)”

Magnetic Nails  
Sensors, Computers and Communications Devices

## Embedded system languages & tools

*Simulink: 1 million licenses in 2004*

*Modelica / Dymola*

**Key concepts:**

- reactive behavior
- concurrency
- timing
- I/O
- ...

**LabVIEW**

**Key capabilities:**

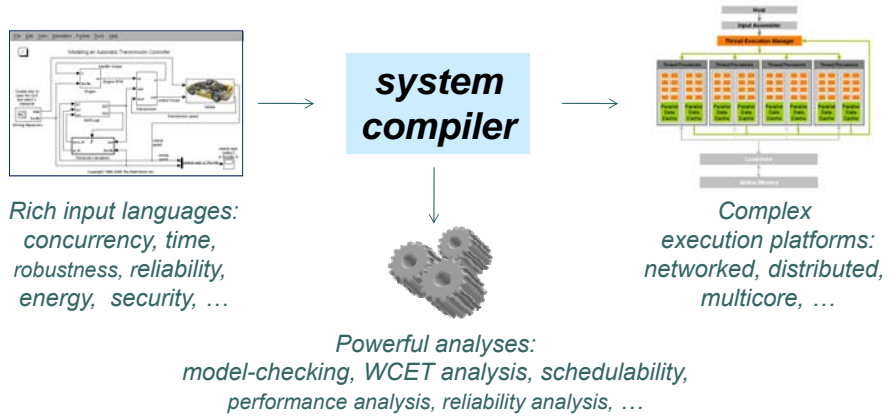
- simulation
- code generation
- verification

**SCADE**

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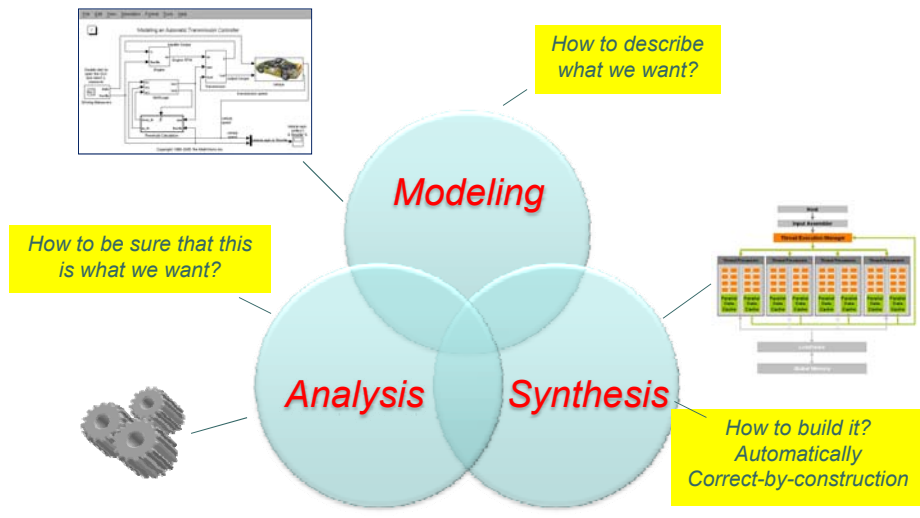
# Vision

These modeling languages of today will become the **system-programming** languages of tomorrow



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# Model-Based Design



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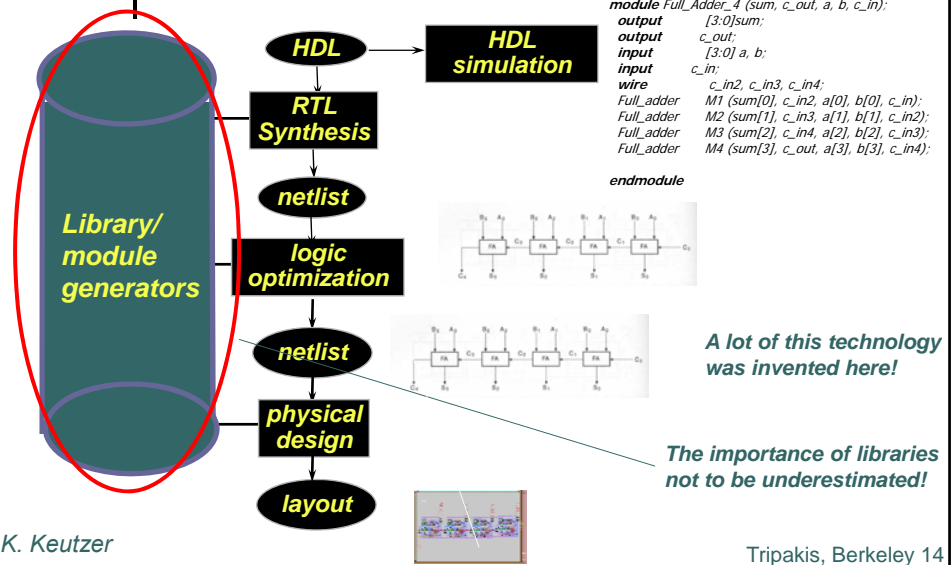


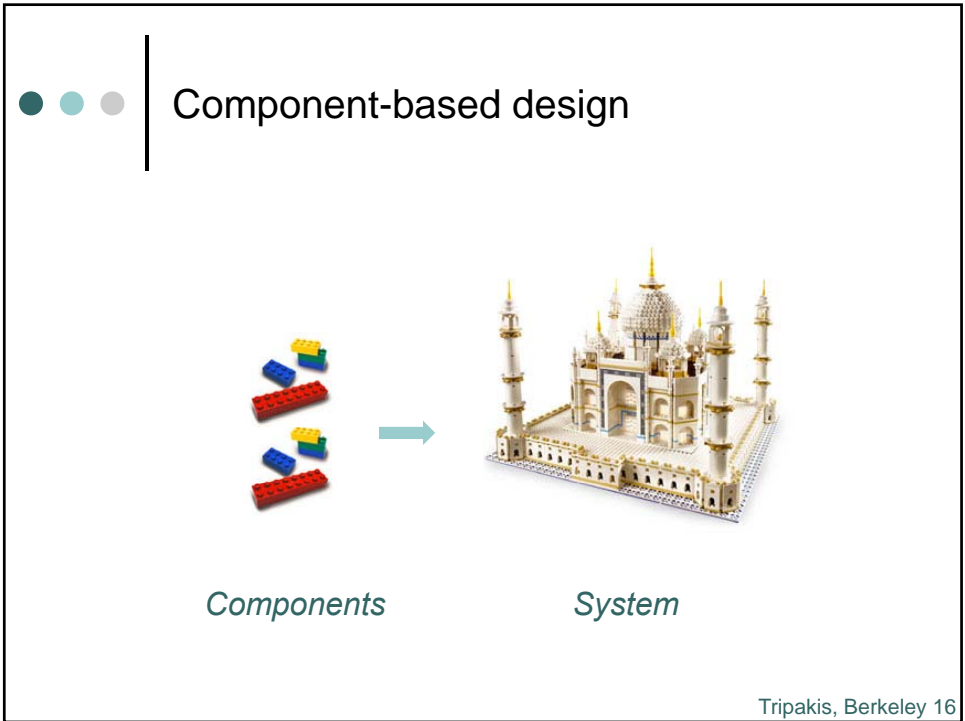
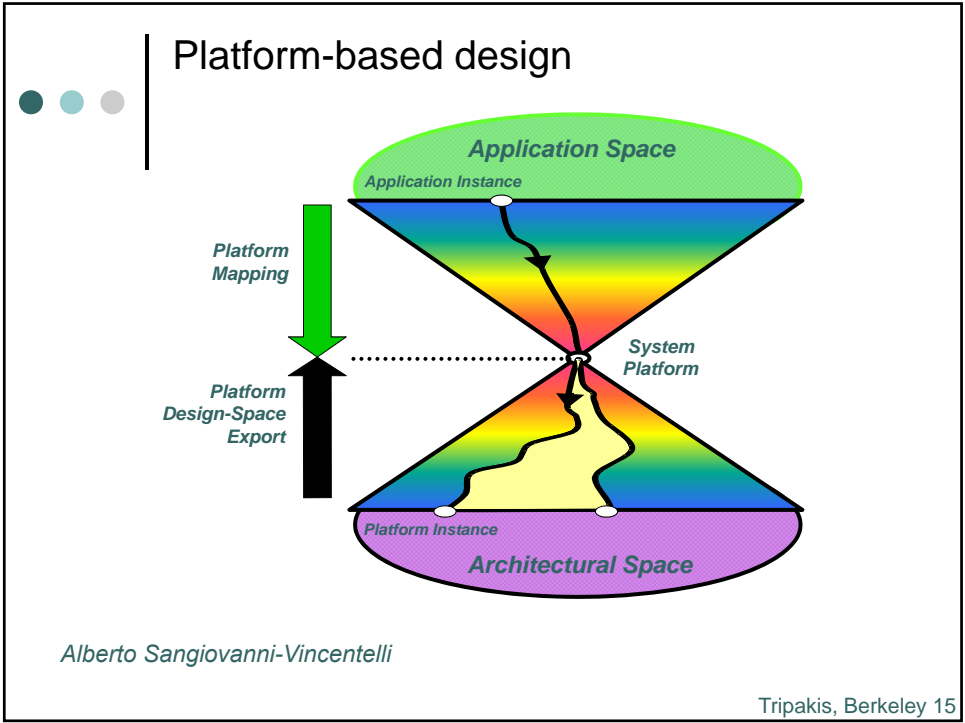
# Is Model-Based Design a realistic vision?

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# Instance of a successful and model-based design flow









## Agenda

- Some research activities going on at CHES: this talk, until 10:30am (Stavros)
- Tour of CHES facilities, discuss with students and researchers, look at selected projects: 10:30am – noon
  - 10:35am - 10:50am: David Broman, Michael Zimmer – PRET
  - 10:50am - 11:05am: Patricia Derler - Ptides
  - 11:05am - 11:20am: Alex Donze - Hybrid system verification
  - 11:20am - 11:35am: Ben Zheng - Terraswarm and localization
  - 11:35am - 11:50am: Mehdi Maasoumy - Smart/green buildings
  - 11:50am - noon: Sayak Ray - HW verification and synthesis

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## Some of the CPS Research in Chess

- *Foundations*: Heterogeneous modeling with actors.
- *Bottom up*: Embedded processors (PRET).
- *Top down*: Distributed real-time systems (PTIDES).
- *Holistic*: Scalable model-based design.

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## The Ptolemy project

The Ptolemy project studies modeling, simulation, and design of concurrent, real-time, embedded systems. The focus is on assembly of concurrent components. The key underlying principle in the project is the use of well-defined models of computation that govern the interaction between components. A major problem area being addressed is the use of heterogeneous mixtures of models of computation. A software system called Ptolemy II is being constructed in Java, and serves as the principal laboratory for experimentation.

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## Heterogeneous modeling

- One system, many models!
- Different parts of the same system typically modeled using different types of models.
- How to combine these different models?
- How to reason about the system as a whole?

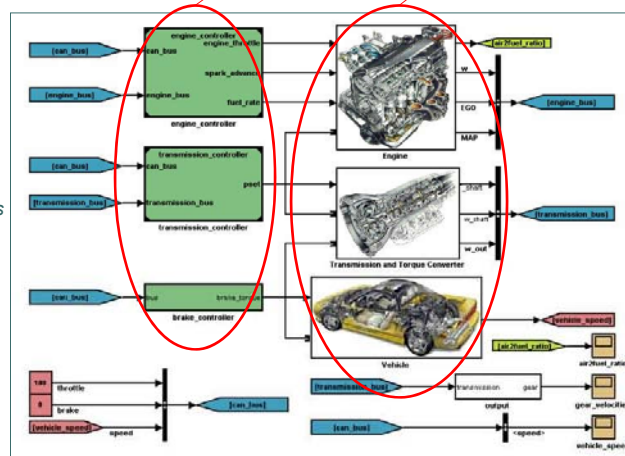
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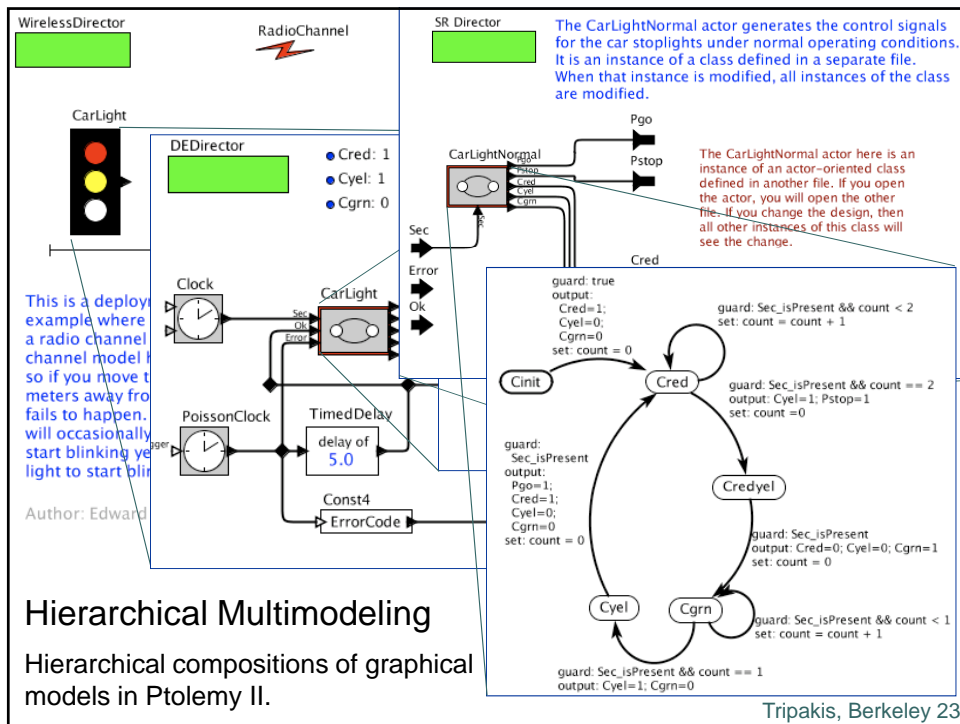
## Examples of heterogeneous models

- Control systems = discrete + continuous dynamics

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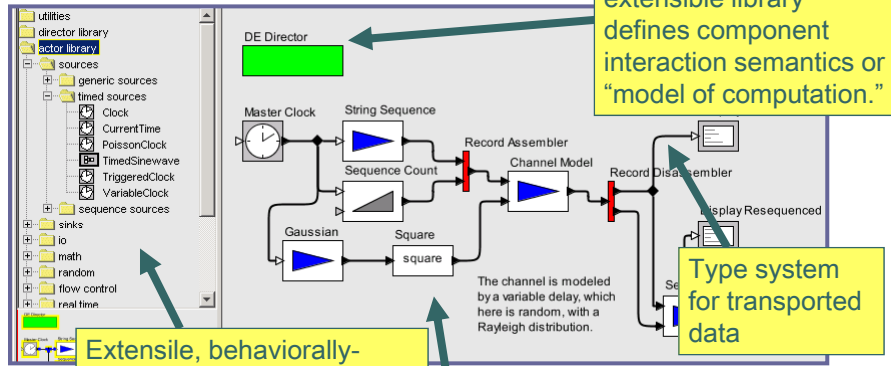


- ● ● | Ptolemy = Actors + Directors + ...
  - Actors: basic functionality ("atomic" blocks)
  - Directors: simulation engines
    - Give meaning to the composition of actors
    - Different engines implement different models of concurrency (synchronous, asynchronous, discrete, continuous, ...)
    - (almost) Arbitrary hierarchical compositions
  - + GUI + type system + ...
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# Ptolemy II: a Laboratory for Actor-Oriented Models of Computation

Concurrency management supporting dynamic model structure.

Director from an extensible library defines component interaction semantics or "model of computation."



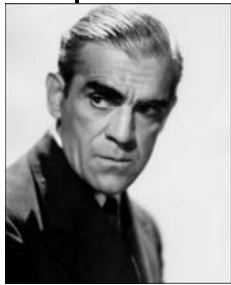
Extensible, behaviorally-polymorphic component library.

Type system for transported data

Visual editor supporting an abstract syntax

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# Actors

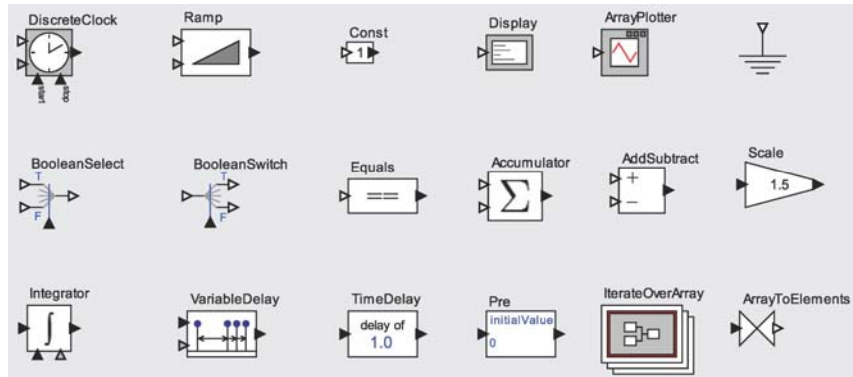


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## Actors

- Ptolemy has a library of predefined actors
- They are all Java classes that implement a standard interface called “executable”

*Some actors*

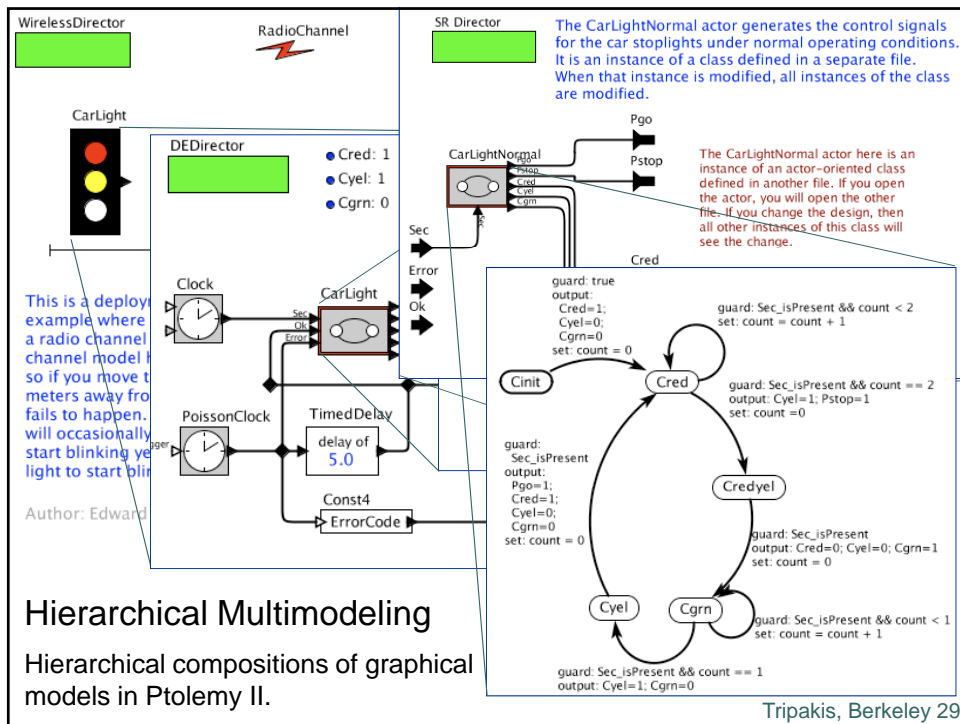


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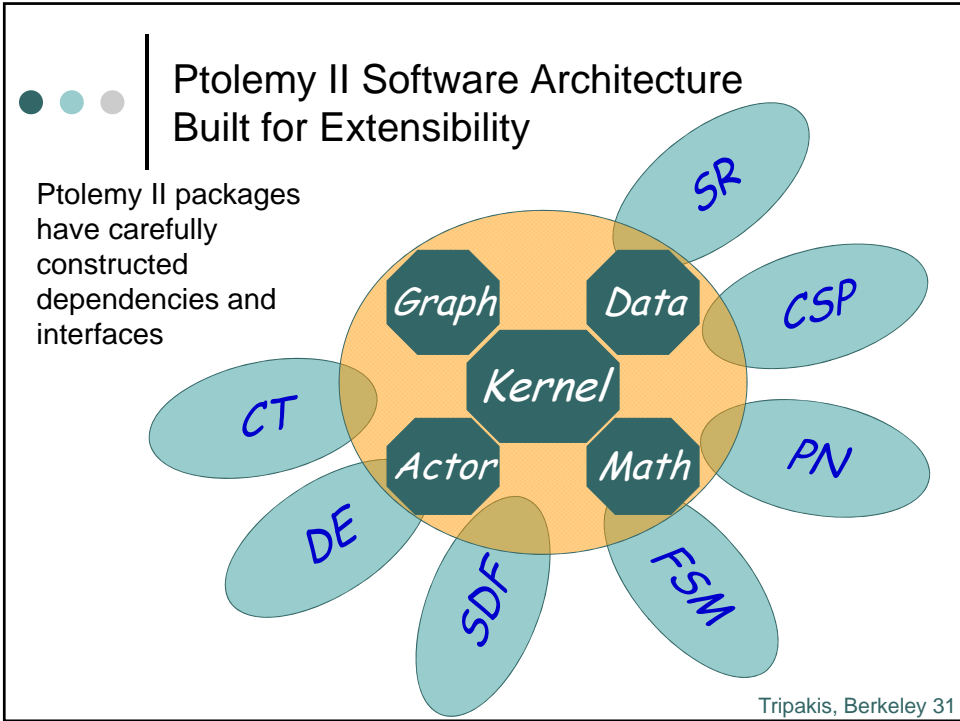
## Directors







- ## Models of Computation Implemented in Ptolemy II
- CI – Push/pull component interaction
  - Click – Push/pull with method invocation
  - CSP – concurrent threads with rendezvous
  - Continuous – continuous-time modeling with fixed-point semantics
  - CT – continuous-time modeling
  - DDF – Dynamic dataflow
  - DE – discrete-event systems
  - DDE – distributed discrete events
  - DPN – distributed process networks
  - FSM – finite state machines
  - DT – discrete time (cycle driven)
  - Giotto – synchronous periodic
  - GR – 3-D graphics
  - PN – process networks
  - Rendezvous – extension of CSP
  - SDF – synchronous dataflow
  - SR – synchronous/reactive
  - TM – timed multitasking
  - ...
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## Brief Ptolemy demo

### A car-tracking controller, modeled in Ptolemy II

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- *Bottom up*: Embedded processors (PRET).
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## Bottom Up: Embedded Processors

### Precision-Timed (PRET) Machines

*Make temporal behavior as important as logical function.*

Timing precision with performance: Challenges:

- Memory hierarchy (scratchpads?)
- Deep pipelines (interleaving?)
- ISAs with timing (deadline instructions?)
- Multicore (dedicated I/O & real-time processors?)
- Predictable memory management (Metronome?)
- Languages with timing (discrete events? Giotto?)
- Predictable concurrency (synchronous languages?)
- Composable timed components (actor-oriented?)
- Precision networks (TTA? Time synchronization?)

See S. Edwards and E. A. Lee, "**The Case for the Precision Timed (PRET) Machine**," in the *Wild and Crazy Ideas* Track of the *Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, June 2007.

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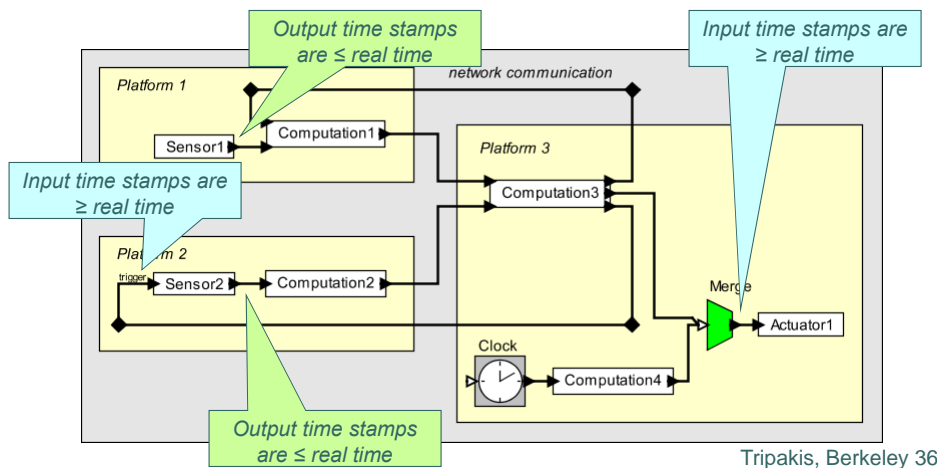
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● ● ● | PTIDES: Programming Temporally Integrated Distributed Embedded Systems

*Distributed execution under DE semantics, with “model time” and “real time” bound at sensors and actuators.*



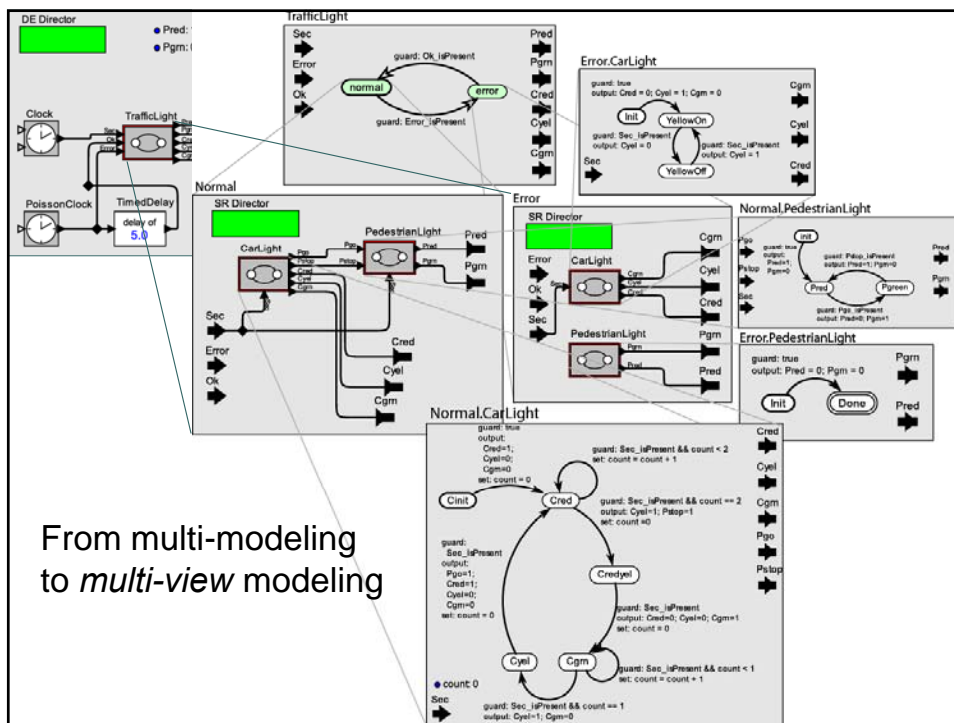
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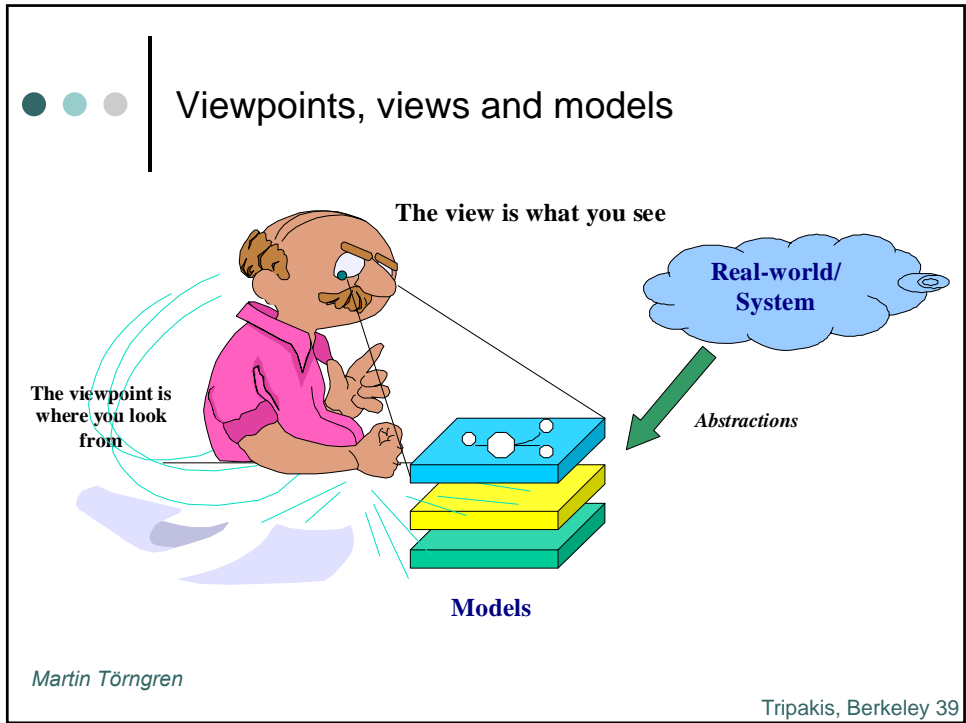


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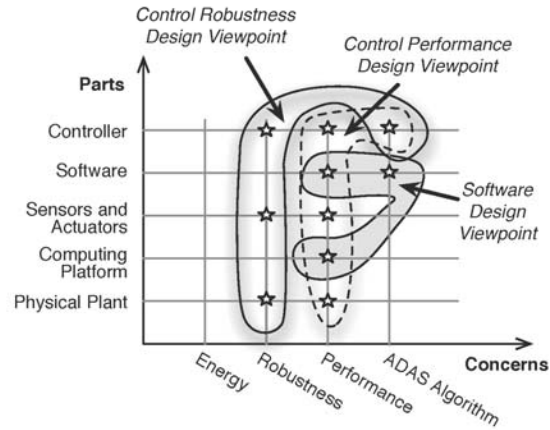
## Multiple viewpoints

Stakeholder/Role	Concerns	Analysis/Synthesis	Model Characteristics
Electrical engineer/hardware architecture	ECU interfaces and EMC	Electrical load and tests	Logic, continuous, and FEM
Software engineer (body area)	Logics of functionality	Simulation of behavior	Discrete-event
Quality engineer	Reliability	Life-time prediction and FMEA	Stochastic and logic (e.g., failure analysis)
Mechanical engineer	ECU packaging, geometry, and fitting	Cable length and geometry alignment	2D and 3D mechanical
Cost controller	Product cost	Profitability and sensitivity analysis	Economical and uncertainty explicit
Integration engineer	Verification communications and distributed functions	Testing! Automation of tests and generation of test documentation	Discrete-event (test cases) and logical structures (e.g., configurations)
Safety engineer	System safety	FTA and FMEA	Logic, discrete-event, and stochastic
Control system engineer	Performance and robustness, and disturbances	Behavior simulation, robustness analysis, and controller synthesis	Continuous-time, discrete-time, and discrete-event
Thermoanalyst	Temperature	Heat transfer	FEM, etc.





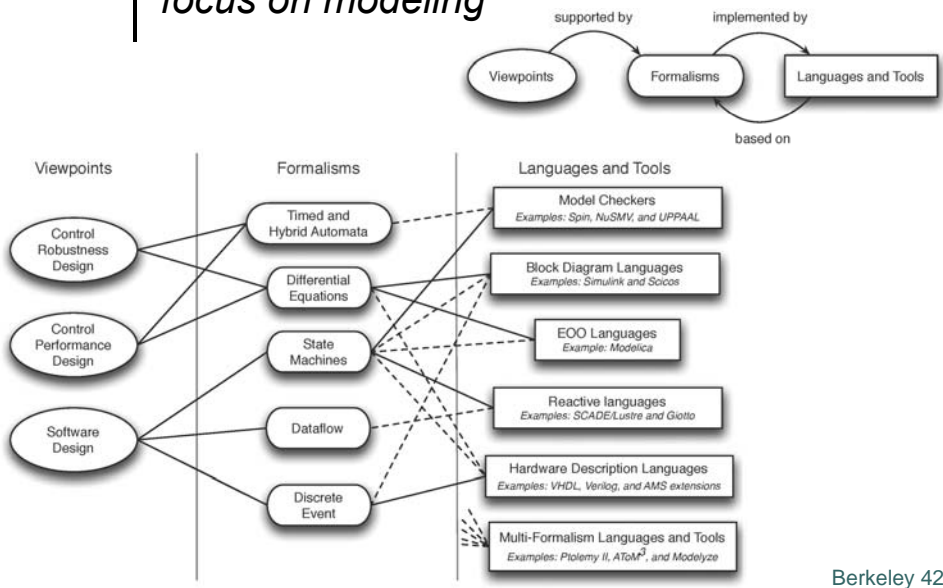
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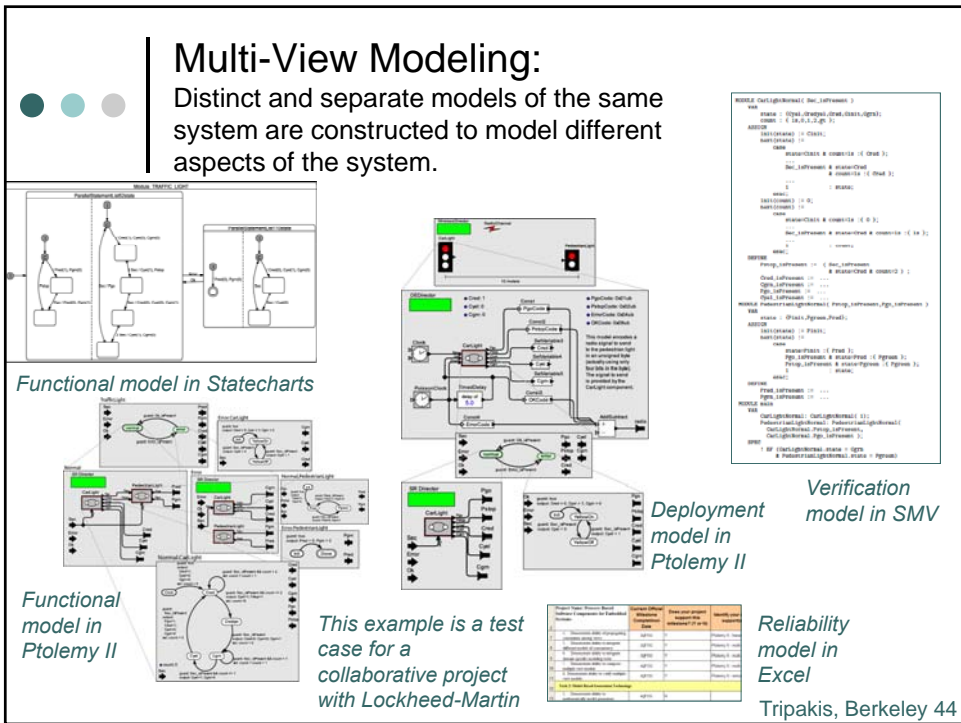
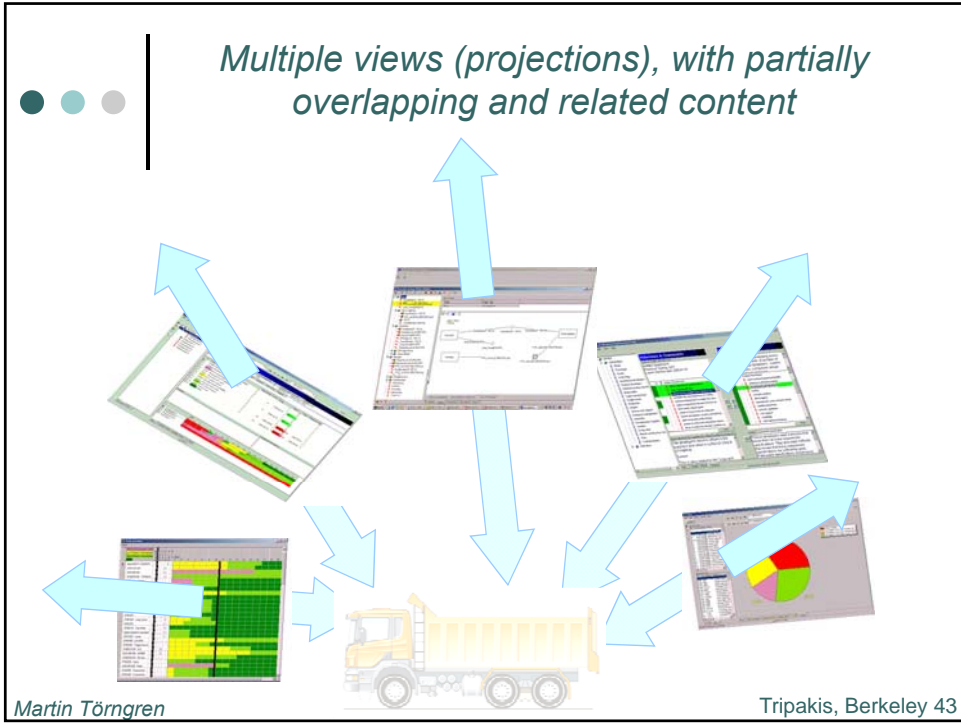
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## A framework to support stakeholders - *focus on modeling*



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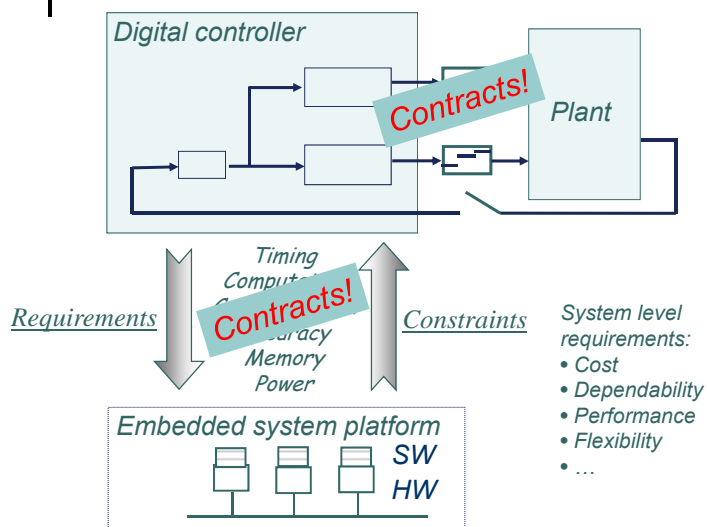
## Multi-view modeling

- Example concrete problem:
  - How to maintain consistency between AADL Behavior annex and Error annex models?

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## Design Contracts

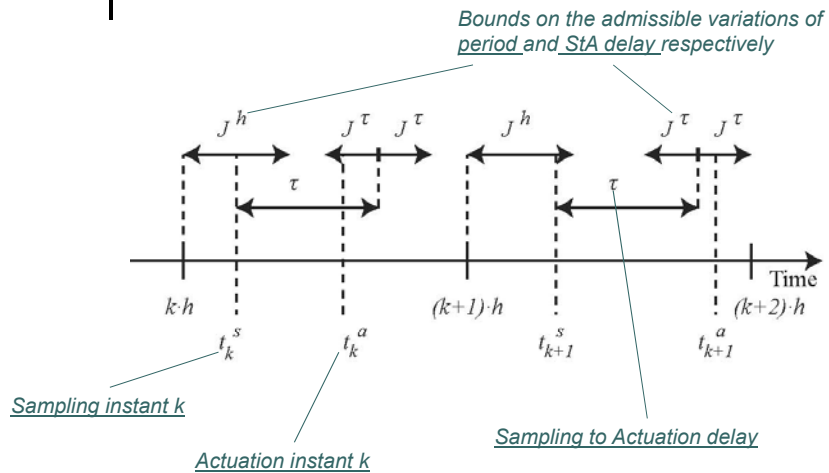


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## Example timing contract for control

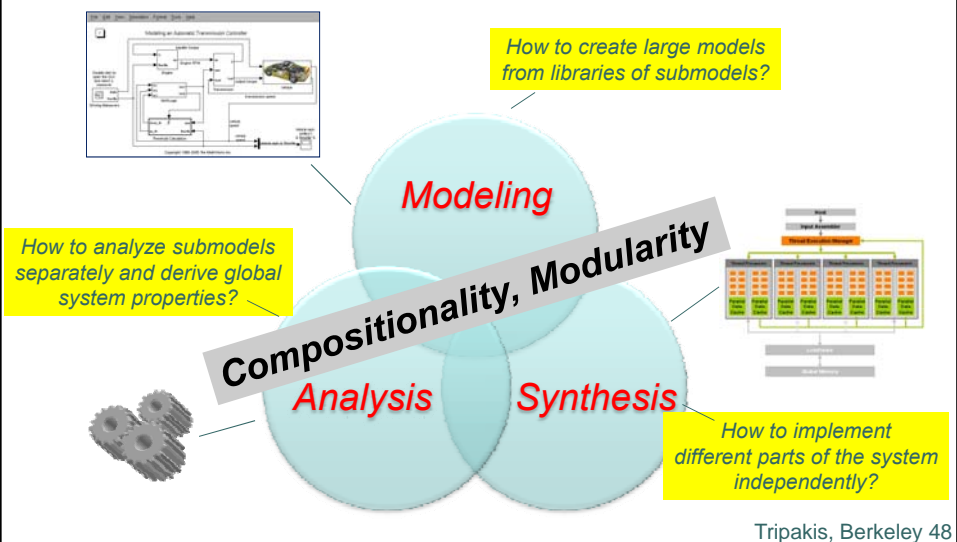


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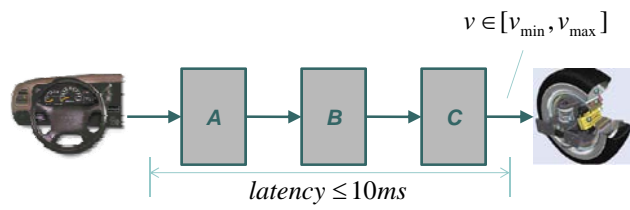
## Compositional Model-Based Design



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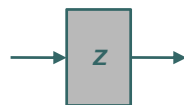
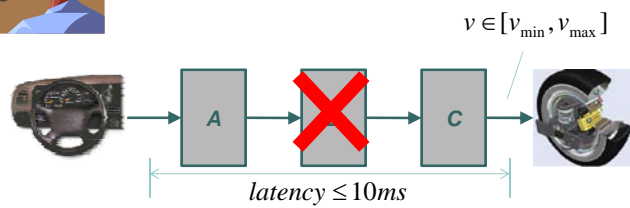
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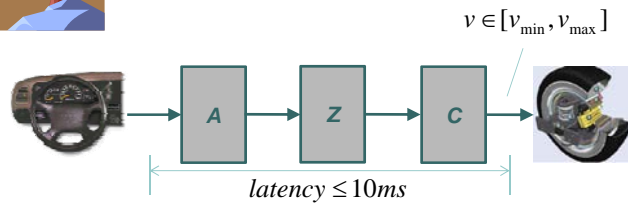
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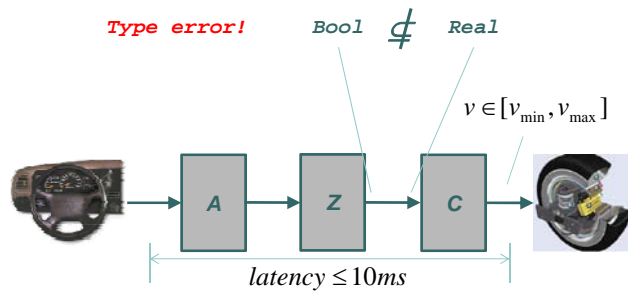
How to ensure properties are preserved?



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## Interface theories = **behavioral** type theories



Which type theories for safety & performance properties?

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## Research as a Business

Our Business Model:

**Maximize the impact of our work,  
and the rest follows**

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## Chess Industrial Partnerships

- Close interaction between academic research and industrial experience, often involving frequent deep technical interactions.
- Facilitate the creation and transfer of modern, "new economy" software technology methods and tools to "old economy" market sectors.
- Focus on industries where embedded software plays a central role, such as:
  - aerospace
  - automotive
  - Instrumentation, test, and measurement

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## Options for Funding Research

- Gifts
- Quasi-gifts (CADCAM, BEECSA, ...)
- Center memberships
- Contracts

Center memberships have proved far more effective than the alternatives.

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## Intellectual Property in CHESS

Commitment is:

- Software will be open source
- Patents will be rare

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## IP Principles

- Address researcher concerns
  - Maximize the impact of the work
  - Freedom to publish papers
  - Freedom to release open source software
  - No obligation to patent results
  - Ability to patent results
  - Minimal obstacles to commercialization
- Address company concerns:
  - Value for the money
  - Protection from being “locked out” of research results
  - Viable VIF agreements
  - Desire to “expense” contributions

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## Intellectual Property Rights

*From Appendix C of the CHESS Agreement*

- “The objective of CHESS is to maximize the impact of its research. To achieve this, CHESS will maintain an open atmosphere that encourages early and frequent publication and other public dissemination of research results. Software will primarily be released using an open source license such as the Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) License. Selected software, such as those subject to third party obligations, may be released under different licenses.”
- “Patents are expected to be rare. . .”

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## Spinoffs of Ptolemy Software

- **Agilent ADS**: Leading design software for analog, RF, and mixed-signal design, primarily targeted to wireless systems development, based on Ptolemy Classic.
- **Cal actor design language**, adopted by MPEG for specification of coding standards, and used by Thales, Xilinx, and others for FPGA and multicore software design.
- **iSencia Passerelle** is based on Ptolemy II and is used to prepare experiments for the Soleil synchrotron.
- **Kepler**: A System for Scientific Workflows, is a cross-project collaboration to develop open source tools for Scientific Workflows and is based on the Ptolemy II.
- **Mirabilis Design VisualSim**, built on top of Ptolemy II, does performance analysis and system architecture, rapid system modeling and hardware/software tradeoff analysis.
- **ML Design Technologies' MLDesigner**, is a platform that leverages Ptolemy Classic for modeling and analyzing the architecture, function and performance of high level system.
- **And more**: Boeing, Bosch, Cadence, Lockheed Martin, Research in Motion, Thales (ArrayOL), VPI Systems, White Eagle Technologies, etc.

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## CHES Industrial Membership Levels

Affiliate > \$75k/year	Affiliate membership includes the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invitation to periodic reviews of CHES.</li><li>• Access to selected internal CHES websites.</li><li>• Access to publications, reports and presentations by CHES researchers.</li><li>• Access to students and faculty in CHES.</li><li>• An annual research report of the activities of CHES.</li><li>• Advance notice of intellectual property created by CHES.</li><li>• Intellectual property access as defined in the agreement. (See Appendix C(1))</li></ul>
Small or Minority-Owned Business > \$10k/year	All of the benefits of an Affiliate
Partner > \$150k/year	All of the benefits of an Affiliate, plus the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity to place visitors, as Visiting Industrial Fellows (VIF) at the University.</li><li>• Selected early access to software developed by CHES.</li></ul>
Premium Partner > \$300k/year	All of the benefits of a Partner, plus the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intellectual property access as defined in the agreement.</li><li>• Upon request, an annual private research review meeting at the University or at a mutually agreeable site.</li></ul>

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## Conclusion

Chess has a rich portfolio of research projects and an established track record of working effectively with industry to maximize the impact of the work.

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## Agenda

- Some research activities going on at CHES: this talk, until 10:30am (Stavros)
- Tour of CHES facilities, discuss with students and researchers, look at selected projects: 10:30am – noon
  - 10:35am - 10:50am: David Broman, Michael Zimmer – PRET
  - 10:50am - 11:05am: Patricia Derler - Ptides
  - 11:05am - 11:20am: Alex Donze - Hybrid system verification
  - 11:20am - 11:35am: Ben Zheng - Terraswarm and localization
  - 11:35am - 11:50am: Mehdi Maasoumy - Smart/green buildings
  - 11:50am - noon: Sayak Ray - HW verification and synthesis

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